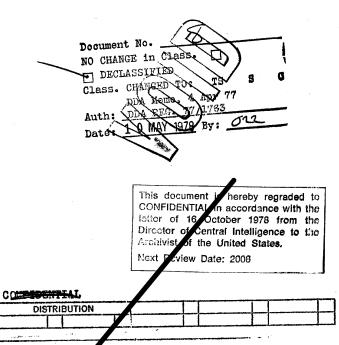
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- 1. The Ecuadoran Communist Farty is presently engaged in an all-out effort to secure as many delegates as possible from the various syndicated unions of the Ecuadoran Confederation of Labor (CTE) for the forthcoming National Congress of that organization. A definite date for the Congress has not yet been determined, but it will probably be called for January 1949.
- 2. The Communists lost the presidency of the CTE at the last Congress and are now enthusiastic over the prospects of regaining control. They believe that they stand a fifty-fifty chance with the Socialists who presently control the CTE. Although Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Ecuadoran Communist Party, undoubtedly would be nominated in the case of a Communist majority, there is a growing sentiment within the Party in favor of Primitivo Barreto. The latter is considered by Party members as more representative of the Ecuadoran worker than is Saad.



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